

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9066  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 2769

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV, RH  
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: VIOLENCE AGAINST UNARMED CIVILIANS

REF: STATE 164007

1. IN ITS FREQUENT MEETINGS WITH TANGOV OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS LIBERATIONS GROUPS, EMBASSY HAS CONSISTENTLY TAKEN OCCASION TO DEPLORE ACTIONS AGAINST CIVILIAN, NONCOMBATANT ELEMENTS OF POPULATION IN RHODESIA AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. TANZANIAN VIEW, SHARED IN ALL PROBABILITY BY MAJORITY OF POPULATION, IS THAT WE HAVE WRONG ADDRESS AND SHOULD INSTEAD BE TALKING TO SMITH AND SELOUS SCOUTS.

2. TYPICAL OF TANZANIA'S ATTITUDE IS TODAY'S EDITORIAL ON JUNE 23 DEATH OF 12 MISSIONARIES. ARTICLE DESCRIBES INCIDENT AS "GRIM REMINDER OF NATURE OF WAR.... IN ORDER TO END WAR, WE MUST WAGE WAR. IN COURSE OF  
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THIS WAR A LOT OF INNOCENT PEOPLE ARE BOUND TO LOSE THEIR LIVES. SMITH AND HIS SUPPORTERS ARE TO BLAME."

3. ON BALANCE, WE BELIEVE THAT FORMAL REPRESENTATIONS HERE REGARDING ATROCITIES SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE AND EVEN TEND, RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, TO IDENTIFY US MORE CLOSELY WITH OPPOSING SIDE. ON OTHER HAND, TANZANIANS

ARE ATTENTIVE TO OFFICIAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS EMANATING  
FROM WASHINGTON. THESE SERVE TO GET OUR MESSAGE  
ACROSS TO ALL BELLIGERENTS AND THEIR PATRONS IN FORCE-  
FUL, NONPARTISAN FASHION. SUCH STATEMENTS, IN OUR  
VIEW, ARE THEREFORE BEST MEANS OF REGISTERING OUR CON-  
CERN AND OF MODERATING, HOWEVER INDIRECTLY, LEVEL OF  
VIOLENCE.

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